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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON  
NSC 143  
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WASHINGTON

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Acting Director, Psychological  
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Dear [redacted]

In pursuance to the request of the Psychological Strategy Board, the Ad Hoc Committee on NSC 143 "Proposal for a Volunteer Freedom Corps" has studied the Memorandum of March 9, 1953, from the Under Secretary of State, subject: "Proposal for Encouragement of Additional Single Male Youth to Defect from East Germany," and concurs in the Department of State's recommendations that the statement contained in paragraph 1 should be adopted as United States policy.

This Committee has under study the question whether or not the proposed Volunteer Freedom Corps should include persons of German nationality. Irrespective of the eventual decision, however, in our view the proposed East German defector program is entirely compatible with the projected Volunteer Freedom Corps. If it should eventually prove advisable to include Germans in the Volunteer Corps, no loss, but indeed a gain would have been realized by proceeding in the meantime with the Department of State's proposal.

In view of the fact that this Ad Hoc Committee is considering the over-all defection of available males from all countries behind the Iron Curtain, our recommendation is that no mutual contingency between the project in question and the proposal for a Volunteer Freedom Corps should be established in the decision of the Psychological Strategy Board.

S/ Willis B. Crittenberger

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NSC review(s) completed.

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